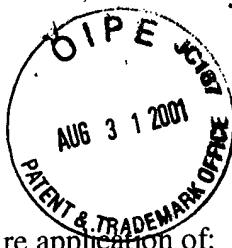


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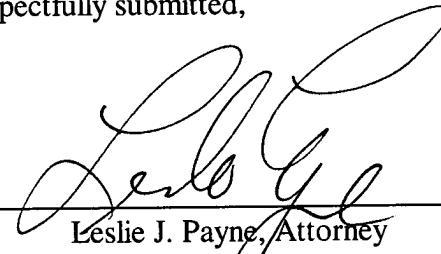
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Dear Sir:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS
AND SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

The drawings submitted herewith are in response to the Examiner's Communication mailed June 28, 2001, and, subject to the approval of the Examiner, should be entered in the above noted application since they comply with 37 CFR 1.81 and otherwise render the application capable of being examined.

Applicants amend the drawings as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Figure 1

Please extend the pointers from reference numbers 18b and 18h as indicated.

Please delete the circles and extensions from layer 14hi as indicated.

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Figure 2

Please insert a rectangular block with a lead line to a reference numeral 28, as shown.

Figure 3

Please insert a rectangular block with a lead line to a reference numeral 28, as shown.

Figure 4

Please insert and extend the edges of the powerplane 40 so the lower right-hand portion of the figure is not cut off.

Please delete the black shading from the impedance variations 42 at the left third of the page and at the far load locations 22 towards the top of the page, without disclaimer or prejudice.

Please insert lead lines from the reference numeral 20 to the holes on powerplane as indicated.

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